

LOG OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: Flammable Fabrics Act Task Force

SEP 22 1997

DATE OF CALL: July 10, 1997

TIME: 10:00 AM EDT

COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS:

Patricia Fairall, CRM
Alan Schoem, CE
Marilyn Borsari, CRM

NON-COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS:

Myron Meche-Co-Chair-Nat. Ret. Fed
Michael Lemov Nat. Ret. Fed.
Moe Cain-Co Chair IMRA
Kay Villa ATMI
Ron Pacheco ITS
Catherine Brady Ross Stores
Duncan Nixon AAEI

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION:

The Flammable Fabrics Act Task Force is developing a program which would help assure that garments sold in the U.S. are in compliance with the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles 16 CFR 1610.

A correction (to delete estimated cost of testing) was deleted from the minutes of the last meeting.

Moe Cain agreed to call Julie Hughes of the U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel to invite her to be a member of the Main Task Group.

Ron Pacheco will combine the Intertek and Acts listings of suspect fabrics using the Acts format. He will also include the definition of Plain surface and Raised Surface Fabrics from the regulations. He will fax to everyone for comment.

Myron Meche then began a discussion of the educational component of the program. He planned to check to see if any retailers currently had any programs in place. Catherine Brady mentioned that Ross is starting one with their buyers. Kay Villa mentioned that a number of Textile Schools and Associations have textile training or could possibly develop this type of training. A suggestion was made that possibly ASTM or another standards organization could develop a buyers/vendors training program. CPSC agreed to develop a draft letter to ASTM for task group review. It was agreed that we would continue the educational aspect discussions during the next conference call.

A discussion of 3rd party certification was discussed again. Alan Schoem mentioned that Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association and the American Fireworks Standards Laboratory have 3rd party certification testing in place.

The next scheduled conference call with the main task group is: Thursday July 24th at 10:00am EDT.

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